GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2463
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FIRING ON PAK BORDER
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pakistani Army is regularly firing on the posts of BSF and villages situated near the International border;

(b) if so, the total number of such incidents occurred during each of the last three years and thereafter;

(c) the details of property damaged during the above period and the total amount disbursed as compensation to the affected families;

(d) the number of security personnels and civilians killed and wounded in the firing during the above period;

(e) whether the firing by Pakistan has made farming difficult in the border villages; and

(f) if so, the steps taken or proposed to by taken by the Government for the safety of the civilians residing in these border areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b): There has been no firing by the Pakistani Army on the posts of BSF and villages situated near the International Border since the declaration of cease fire in November 2003. However, the total number of firing incidents by Pakistani Army in Jammu International border during the years 2002 and 2003 (upto November) were 516 and 367 respectively.

(c) & (d): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e)& (f): Since no firing has taken place after the cease fire in November 2003,the farmers are not facing any difficulty in cultivating their fields in the border villages.